

EXHIBIT 7

In the Matter Of:

IN RE: PORK ANTITRUST LITIGATION

JOE LOPEZ

June 10, 2022



1
2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
3 FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

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7 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF 30(b)(6)

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12 DATE: June 10, 2022

13 TIME: 11:04 a.m.

14 PLACE: ***REMOTE***

15 BEFORE: Rebecca Schaumloffel, RPR, CCR-NJ

16 JOB NO: 2022-847224
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THE WITNESS: Go ahead, Jon.

MR. TOSTRUD: No, go ahead.

A. Well, you know, like, most in-store purchases, I would say for the majority of anyone, you just throw it away. It's just a receipt. There's no reason to keep this paper, in my opinion, at that time. I just didn't see a reason to keep receipts or, you know, the bags that they came in, you know. It's just...

Q. How did you calculate your profit margins?

MR. TOSTRUD: Object to downstream discovery. The witness may answer in his 30(b)(1) capacity.

A. If I spent \$20 and I got in return 30, then I knew that I was making profit.

Q. How did you know you had spent \$20 in that scenario?

MR. TOSTRUD: Object to downstream discovery.

A. Well, when I go to the Restaurant Depot and I swipe my Amex for, say, \$200, and the cash register says \$250 at the end of

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2 that transaction, then I knew there was
3 profit on there.

4 Q. Okay. Did you ever use another
5 distributor?

6 A. Restaurant Depot was my primary
7 source.

8 Q. Did you ever negotiate with
9 Restaurant Depot on price?

10 MR. TOSTRUD: Object to
11 downstream discovery. The witness may
12 answer in his 30(b)(1) capacity.

13 A. No. Unfortunately, I'm not at the
14 level of the big conglomerates to be able to
15 do that. I was just a smaller, strong
16 independent owner.

17 Q. Do you consider Restaurant Depot
18 to be a sophisticated operation?

19 MR. TOSTRUD: Objection. Calls
20 for speculation.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Do you think Restaurant Depot
23 conducts research on pork prices?

24 MR. TOSTRUD: Objection to
25 downstream discovery. The witness may

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answer. Calls for speculation.

A. I have no idea.

Q. Did you ever buy pork for Joe's
Steak and Leaf from someone other than
Restaurant Depot?

A. Restaurant Depot was my primary
source.

Q. Where else did you buy pork?

A. I can't think of any other place.
The Restaurant Depot was my main source.

Q. Okay. You were indicating that it
was your main source. Were there other
sources?

A. I may have had vegetables, you
know, from, you know, a produce store or
something, tomatoes and whatnot, but as far
as the pork goes, you can only buy in those
large quantities from Restaurant Depot.

Q. Did you ever run out during a busy
shift and needed to go elsewhere for your
pork purchases?

A. No.

Q. What did you do -- strike that.

Did you make regular trips to